

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2004
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Link called the regular meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Bill Grady, Dale Henson, David MacMillan, Mark Steffen, Ray Spears, Jeff Schreiber, and Scott Guenther. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Rolfes requested to move item #20 presentation by city engineer Hank Fedders to item #5; Mr. Guenther requested to move item #10 Brookwood Commons discussion to executive session at the end of the meeting due to pending litigation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Grady requested a correction on page two, third paragraph, seventh sentence from the bottom change the word “contingent” to “contention”. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the April 12, 2004 minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. MacMillan. **Motion passed: 7 - 0.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Link reported on the following:

- Thanked St. Pius for inviting him to their television production kicking off Catholic Schools Week on April 19th.
- New city maps are available at the city building.

Administrator’s Report – Mr. Rolfes stated that he visited the Senior Center this morning – they are making good progress - they’re working on the plumbing, expect to have the front completed this week, and they installed two layers of insulation. We are working on rules, regulations and rental rates for the center. Center should be completed by June 25th.

Certificates of Appreciation – Chief Kramer recognized and presented certificates of appreciation to Gretchen and Alicia Reinersman for their hard work in beautifying Freedom Park during Spring Break.

City Engineer Hank Fedders, KZF, Brookwood Circle Reconstruction – Mr. Rolfes stated that Brookwood Circle is an unusual street that needs reconstruction and KZF drafted four options for council to review. Hank Fedders, city engineer with KZF, introduced David Keller a project manager also with KZF. Mr. Fedders stated that the street is 18-19’ wide, has poor drainage, and is a concrete street in some areas with an asphalt overlay. They had the street surveyed to determine the right-of-ways. There is a 50’ right-of-way except for two houses that front on Brookwood Drive where the right-of-way is only 25’. The options discussed were: widen the street to 22’, widen to 25’, making it a cul-de-sac, or make it a one-way street. Widening the street to 25’ is the most expensive option and may require some land acquisition for the property located at 3037. It would limit their ability to park close to the road like they currently do. Mr. Fedders stated that today’s code requires a local street to be 25’ wide with curb and gutter. Also suggested installing a five-foot sidewalk from Dottie Lane to Brookwood Drive. Constructing a 22’ wide street would mean less pavement, less grading work and they don’t show a sidewalk plan but show a cul-de-sac. Mr. Schreiber suggested making the street wide at the beginning 22’, go back down to where it is now, then widen again at the end 22’. Mr. Steffen suggested going with whatever would be the least impact on surrounding properties while keeping costs down. Mr. Fedders said whatever is done will improve the drainage that is desperately needed. The two homeowners plus rental tenants will be sent letters notifying them of the plans for reconstructing the street – their addresses are 3033 and 3037 Brookwood Drive (drive not circle). Mr. Fedders will reconfigure estimates based on the above suggestion with a roll curb and gutter plus add in grading for a sidewalk (our crew can install sidewalk later).

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brookwood Commons Schreiber Development – to be discussed at the end of the meeting in executive session.

Facilities Update – Mr. Rolfes updated council by memo and encouraged council to consider hiring an inspector/construction manager to oversee the project which could cost \$30,000-\$40,000. Bids for the city building are due May 4th.

Field Usage Report – Mr. Rolfes stated that Kim Wolking, Recreation Director, prepared a report for council providing the number of Edgewood children that play baseball and soccer on our fields. Some teams did not provide the information that was requested three times – she will continue to attempt to collect this information. Mr. Rolfes recommended if we pursue this issue further, to make a decision on what to do, that we start with the fall league since the spring league has already begun. Mr. Grady stated that the city needs to reassess the usage of the two parks; two soccer fields are needed instead of just one. Mr. Rolfes stated we would do whatever we are instructed to do by council. Mr. Spears said we need more information in order to make a decision; there is a big demand for both baseball and soccer but wonders if the city is putting in an equal amount of our resources. Mr. Schreiber did a comparison of each sport and came to the conclusion that there is a 2 to 1 ratio of more playing baseball than soccer. Mr. Spears disagreed with Mr. Schreiber. Mr. Grady stated that there are three baseball fields to one soccer field. Mr. Schreiber stated that two years ago Kenton County Board of Education came to the city and asked if we would sell the corner of Dudley and Hinsdale and they would trade us the land that connects to Freedom Park, which is a hill and would take some work but it is big enough to put a soccer field on, he believes they would still be willing to make that deal. Mr. Grady stated they wanted that corner for parking, which we didn't want because it would look like a used car lot so he suggested buying a portion of the school's property and level it out for a field. Mr. Rolfes suggested that if council were interested in acquiring property, now would be a good time to do it because once the city building project starts, we'll need somewhere to dump the dirt. Mr. Rolfes further stated that if council is interested in acquiring property they should discuss it in executive session. The spring soccer league has more children playing than the fall league. Mr. Schreiber stated that if the city gets rid of one of the big fields, we would not be able to continue to run the city's softball leagues. They won't be able to play because they're wouldn't be enough time to run a league without two fields. That league brings in about \$6,000 a year. Mr. Henson suggested that Mrs. Wolking gather a roster from every team at the beginning of the league when they register, if they don't turn in a completed roster then they can't register. Mrs. Wolking will submit another report to council as soon as all the teams respond.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department request to purchase two intake valves for \$1,850 from Summit Fire Apparatus – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the purchase of two intake valves at the cost of \$1,850 from Summit Fire Apparatus because the item being purchased are in the best interest of the public and the city due to price and re-approve the work done on the aerial ladder because the cost was \$4,466 higher than the quote of \$3,5032` due to additional problems that were found; seconded by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 7 – 0.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2004-01 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Interlocal agreement with Kenton County Fiscal Court -

Mr. Rolfes stated that the committee drafted this resolution; which is asking cities for their support for ALS. The resolution states that the city supports putting a \$.02 tax on November's ballot and the city agrees to pay \$43,000 to maintain paramedic service in the city for the next fiscal year. Mr. Grady stated that under recommendation one it states there would be four paramedics and four vehicles but in the short

term schedule it talked about two paramedics and two vehicles. It was Mr. Rolfes' understanding that it would be four paramedics and two vehicles. The staff would be domiciled at two locations to be determined. Mr. Spears asked Mr. Rolfes if the resolution fails but the tax levy passes in November what happens? Mr. Rolfes stated that the city would not have service for 18 months but after that it would become a county- wide service. Mr. Schreiber inquired about the cost of providing our own paramedic service. Mr. Rolfes said Chief Messmer's figures were: to start the service would be close to \$200,000 and the annual operating costs would be \$100,000. If the resolution fails the city will no longer have ALS service as of July 1, 2004. Mr. Schreiber asked what the city's property valuation was? Based on the city's total valuation of \$860,000,000 - \$172,000 per year would be collected by the new tax. Mr. Steffen suggested amending the resolution on page one paragraph eight after "intention to participate" add "at a cost of \$43,032 for the fiscal year 7/1/04 to 6/30/05" and on page two under recommendation #1 change the number of vehicles from four (4) to two (2). Mr. Grady said if the city votes for the resolution and encourage people to vote for it in November and it passes, we're stuck with what we voted for and there is no chance to come back and tackle the issue. Mr. Steffen commented that he's not sure if this is the best option that we've got but for the city to have service by July 1, it's probably our only option – Mr. Guenther agreed and further stated that our basic choices are to vote yes for the resolution and have the service for fiscal year 04/05 and let the voters decide in November or we vote no for the resolution then we don't have any service at all for fiscal year 04/05; which to him is not an alternative. Mr. Schreiber said he was going to vote no for the resolution because he does not want to support the \$.02 tax but he is in favor of paying \$43,032.

Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to adopt resolution 2004-01 amending the resolution adding the cost of \$43,032 to Edgewood for fiscal year 04/05 and under recommendation one change the number of vehicles from four (4) to two (2); seconded by Mr. Henson. Aye votes for: Mr. Steffen, Mr. Henson, Mr. MacMillan and Mr. Spears who further stated he wanted to vote no but the city doesn't have an option to put in place in time and he'll vote no on the ballot at the election in November, he said the city has a responsibility to the citizens to provide this service. Nay votes for: Mr. Grady and Mr. Schreiber. **Motion passed 5 ayes – 2 nays.**

Ordinance 2004-04-04 revision to the property maintenance code 1st reading – Mr. Rolfes stated that this is the latest version of the building code since the ordinance was originally adopted a couple of years ago. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MAKING THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THE CITY, AND ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS THEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS THEREOF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1st annual Mayor's Golf Outing to be held on Friday, May 21 at Devou Golf Course – registration deadline is May 14 – fee is \$70 per player (teams of four); which includes golf, golf cart, door prizes, and steak dinner.
- The Edgewood Garden Club is having their 1st annual amateur gardener recognition award – nominations should be made by May 21. Forms can be picked up at the city building.
- The following pre-approved Summit Fire Apparatus invoices were paid 4/23/04: #20665 fabricate one aluminum box for rescue jack assembly for \$475.00, #20663 electrical repairs for ladder 160 \$4,466. The following invoice was carried over prior to new procedures and was paid: #20557 code 3 fast rotator \$40.29.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Guenther made a motion to enter into executive session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) acquisition or sale of real property and KRS 61.810(1)(c) proposed or pending litigation; seconded by Mr. Spears at 9:35 p.m. **Motion passed: 7 – 0.**

Mr. Guenther made a motion to exit executive session at 10:40 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 – 0.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Budget presentations were postponed until the May 17th meeting.

Mayor John D. Link

Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk
Date: _____